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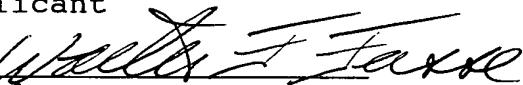
Dear Sir:

- 1) Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98 applicant encloses a Form PTO-1449 and copies of the references listed thereon, as well as a copy of the German Search Report issued in a corresponding German application on December 10, 1999. Applicant requests the references be made of record.
- 2) This statement is being filed simultaneously with the above identified new patent application.
- 3) References AA, AB, AC and AG are in English and thus require no discussion. Reference AF corresponds to AG (British Patent 1,535,108), AH corresponds to AA (U. S. Patent 4,250,567), and AJ corresponds to AB (U. S. Patent 4,691,567), from which the relevance can be determined in English.

- 4) Reference AH is discussed at pages 2 to 3 of the present specification.
- 5) The enclosed Search Report indicates the degree of relevance of each of the enclosed references by category (A = technological background, general state of art; D = document cited in application; and Y = documents which place the non-obviousness in question together with other publications); and thus satisfies the requirement for a concise explanation of the relevance of the foreign language references (see M.P.E.P. §609).
- 6) Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider all references of record, return an initialled copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 and ensure that all references of record are printed on any patent issuing from this application.
- 7) Favorable consideration and allowance of claims 1 to 26 are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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